



2019 State of Clubs

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**Clubs: Building Community at
Goddard since 1960.**

Preface



The 37* active clubs boasts 3,619 total members. This spring we welcomed a new club to the fold! Our new Clubs Catalog on the GEWA Clubs page, <https://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/index.html>, gives a description of this new club and all the others.

In July 2018 we published the first edition of the State of Clubs also on the [GEWA Clubs](#) page. The 2018 edition contains more background and history in order to document the early days of the GEWA Council and clubs and establish the “why of clubs” ...how they support Goddard personnel and our mission. Our Center Director reviewed the 2018 slide deck and stated he is “sold on clubs”!

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our first visit to the Moon we simultaneously look forward to our bold plans to go back...and then beyond to Mars! The need for GEWA and its clubs is every bit as necessary now as in the early days to give an athletic, intellectual, and creative outlet for our hardworking Goddard family. Professional networking and relationship building happens the most deeply and long-lasting through these activities.

This 2019 edition gives updates to the stats given last year and reports on special news and contributions from clubs that often support the Center. In addition, you’ll find the most recent listing of Club Presidents and their addresses and chronology of when clubs were established.

*Statistics are more complete this year and other developments resulted in a higher number of active clubs and overall total membership. I was able to contact some clubs that were “silent” last year. I was able to learn their total membership. And a new club formed adding several members to the overall total. We lost one club, “Blacks in Government”, but I never learned their membership total in the first place and therefore was not reflected in last year’s reported total.



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2019 State of Clubs — At-a-Glance

Total Membership: 3,621 Members (increase from 2018)

Total Clubs: 37

News —

- Contributed to Safety Awareness Week
- DIY Craft Club formed (May 2019)
 - First new club since 2005
 - Kick-off event very well received (June 2019)
- Created new *Clubs Catalog*
 - Describes each club
 - Gives poc
 - Catalog given to summer interns at orientation
 - Posted on Clubs page under Information
- Confirmed still active (in 2018 reported assumed inactive)
 - ❖ African Development and Technology Club
 - ❖ Association of Postdoctoral Scholars
 - ❖ Islamic Study Group
 - ❖ Volleyball Mixed League

Categories —

- ❖ Sports (competitive) – 7
- ❖ Arts and Hobbies – 6
- ❖ Physical and Spiritual Fitness – 6
- ❖ Cultural – 2
- ❖ The Great Outdoors – 8
- ❖ The Great Indoors – 1
- ❖ “Other”
 - ❖ - Self-Defense – 2
 - ❖ - Education-Training – 5

Inactive — Sea Ventures (SCUBA)

Club contributions, changes in Leadership, GEWA Documents are on following slides.

Club News and Contributions



- Goddard **Auto** Tech Club President presented *Let's Review Our [driving] Habits and Make Changes to Reduce Risk* at Safety Week (April 2019)
- **Chinese** American Club —
 - Hosted Qigong and Tai Chi fan class. (Fall/Winter 2018)
 - Hosted Tai Chi sword class. (Spring 2019)
- **Dance** Club — Successfully encouraged 8 summer interns to attend summer dance as a result to personal invitation at Summer Intern Showcase (June 2019)
- NEW Club Announced: **DIY Craft Club** May 2019. Kick off event (June 2019)
See cover photo.



Club News and Contributions



- **Garden Club** — Hosted talk by Thomas Hanyok and Kimberly Mehalick on *Beekeeping at Goddard* discussing the importance of honeybees and how beehives arrived at Goddard and benefits the concentration of pollinators locally. (September 2018)
- **Music and Drama (MAD) Club** —
 - Fall Show “*Beauty and the Beast*” garnered positive reviews in Theatre Bloom. (November 2018) and by the British Players The Ruby Griffith Awards (July 2019)
 - Article highlighting visually-impaired actors in winter show
 - “*Leave it to Psmith*” in the Greenbelt New Review. (March 2019)



Club News and Contributions

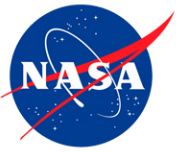


- **Goddard Amateur Radio Club** —
 - Hosted the *NASA On The Air* 12-month public outreach activity in concert with radio clubs at other NASA centers, inviting citizens to make radio contact with all the participating centers. This activity boasts 1,658 successful contacts.
 - Completed construction of a permanent satellite ground station for amateur radio satellite communication, with the help of a generous GEWA grant.
- **Sailing Club** — Seafaring adventures included Greek islands, St. Martin, and Summer Solstice Regatta.



- **Tae Kwon Do** —
 - Led two sessions on *Practical Self-Defense* at Safety Week (April 2019)
 - Successful color belt exams and promotions: 5 Yellow, 3 Blue, and 1 Brown.
 - One member earned his first Dan Black Belt.
 - Celebrated the club's 50th anniversary as described in the November/December 2018 Goddard View article *Fifty Years and Still Kicking*.

Club News and Contributions



- **Stamp Club —**
 - Supported large regional philatelic exhibition in the DMV featuring a ten-frame exhibit, titled *C76 The First Lunar Landing Stamp*, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11.
 - Produced covers for Soyuz launches; 100th Anniversary for Airmail, Parker Solar Probe, NASA's 60th Anniversary, Falcon9RRM3 Launch, New Horizons/Ultima Thule Explorer, SpaceX Falcon Heavy Rocket, and GSFC's 60th Anniversary.
 - Presented educational programs on various philatelic topics at local shows in Howard County, Bowie, Fairfax, Vienna, and Laurel.

Official Documents – Constitution and Bylaws:

- A subset of Council members: Pam Guzzone, Robin Mahoney, Tom Wolking (600 Rep), Cindy Stoltz (200 Rep), Dan Hymer/Amber Hufft (Legal) drafted a new version of the the GEWA Constitution and Bylaws. A short review period offered for the rest of the Council. Sent to Leadership for signature.
- Main changes —
 - There will be 1 Representative per Directorate (as opposed to 2)
 - Standing Committees will reduce from 8 to 3. The eight have been: Cafeteria, Clubs, Exchange Store/VC Gift Shop, Facilities, Special Events, Newsletter, Web Committee, and Vending. A chair and often a Co-chair.

GEWA News



- The three new Standing Committees will be:
 - *Food Services Committee* (cafeteria and vending services oversight)
 - *Facilities Usage Committee* (facilities oversight, property, club use permit)
 - *Special Events Committee* (oversight/coordination of special functions and events such as GEWA-sponsored Craft Fairs, Block Party, Happy Hours)



- Article III – Employee Clubs (from Council meeting presentation)
 - “Section 2: Added language regarding Clubs carrying insurance appropriate to the Club’s activities and assets
 - Section 4: Modified participation of Guest members to “on a one time or repeating basis” instead of “on a one time, repeating or continuing basis”
 - Section 6: Added language about the need for any Club utilizing or accessing GSFC facilities on a continuing and routine basis to have a current and up-to-date Facilities Use Permit on file with the Facilities Management Division”



- Leadership Changes
 - Center Director Chris Scolese announced his acceptance of new assignment as Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. Departed NASA in July. George Morrow named as Acting Center Director.
 - Associate Director Nancy Able retired at the end of May 2019 after 50 years in the government. Ray Rubilotta assumed her role as Associate Director.

Clubs by Category



Sports (competitive)

- Goddard Ultimate Frisbee Club
- Goddard Running and Orienteering club (GROC)
- Goddard Slow Pitch Softball Association (GSPSA)
- Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Arts and Hobbies

- Amateur Radio
- DIY Craft Club
- Photography
- Sportsman
- Stamp
- Zymurnauts

Physical and Spiritual Fitness

- Aerobic
- Art of Living
- Bible
- Dance
- Islamic Study Group
- Yoga

Cultural

- Chinese American
- Music And Drama

The Great Outdoors

- Archery
- Astronomy
- Flying
- Garden
- SCUBA
- Sailing
- Ski
- Sportsfishing

The Great Indoors Goddard Eurogaming Enthusiasts Klub (GEEK)

Other - category suggested by President(s)

- “Self-Defense” –
 - Cuong Nhu Karate
 - Tae Kwon Do
- “Education-Training” —
 - African Development and Technology
 - Association of Postdoctoral Scholars
 - Auto Tech
 - Goddard Retirees and Alumni Association
 - Toastmasters

Clubs Chronology – Year Established



- 1960 Flying
- 1961 Astronomy
- 1962 Softball
- 1963 Archery
- 1966 Tennis
- 1967 Sportsman
- 1968 Tae Kwon Do
- 1969 Radio
- 1970 MAD
- 1971 Ski
- 1971 Stamp
- 1972 Auto Tech
- 1972 Scuba
- 1972 Soccer
- 1972 Toastmaster
- 1976 GROC (Running)
- 1977 Dance
- 1978 GRAA (Retirees)
- 1980 Garden
- 1981 Photo
- 1982 Bible
- 1985 Karate
- 1987 Chinese American
- 1990 "Frisbee"
- 1993 Yoga
- 1995 Table Tennis
- 2000 African Development and Tech
- 2001 Art of Living
- 2004 Zymurnauts
- 2005 GEEK
- 2019 DIY Craft

Unsure of year established —

- Aerobic Fitness
- Association of Postdoctoral Scholars
- Islamic Study Group
- Sailing
- Sportsfishing
- Volleyball Mixed League



Clubs Presidents

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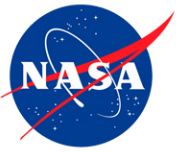
Issues/Comments



- Sea Ventures (Scuba Club) —
 - The Scuba club continues its 3rd year waiting for funding to install the power supply to connect the existing air compressor. It was suggested that the club request a grant from GEWA to pay for the cost of the installation. Although this is a possibility for a funding source, it isn't a very likely alternative. The cost estimate is equal to or greater than the entire GEWA grant budget for the year. Aside from idea gathering to grow interest in the club, its core activities remain suspended.
 - On a number of occasions the Scuba club has found that the door to its storage space in bldg. 92, Rm 122 was left unlocked or open. This happened by someone other than a club officer who do not check regularly since there is no compressor there (see item above). This is an untenable situation since the club was compelled to waive rights to any liability or claims for loss or damage and are compelled to take full responsibility. Moreover, the club is forbidden to use its own locks so that facilities and security can enter at will.
- Archery Club

Activities curtailed due to fallen trees barring access to the grounds.

Issues/Comments



- Uncertainties over effectiveness of new Council structure —
No singular entity for Clubs in the new structure. Traditionally there was a Clubs Committee along with 7 others. The new structure rolls up functions into three standing committees in which clubs is sited primarily for it's requirement to submit Permit request under the new Facilities Usage Committee.
- Concern over future of area 100.
 - Facility Master Plan Concept NASA – Mission Support Council August 9, 2018 calls for divesting and demolition to be completed by 2027.
 - https://code200-internal.gsfc.nasa.gov/220/sites/code220/files/Documents/gsfv_vision_plan_brief_9aug2018_goddard_internal_use_only.pdf

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